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| 2. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038. Payment for RCE pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114              | 1 sheet   |
| 3. Copy of the substitute specification, claims and drawing of September 1, 2004              | 15 sheets |
| 4. Copy of the applicant's response to Final Office Action of June 3, 2004 (incl. enclosures) | 64 sheets |

Faithfully Yours,

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